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Psalm 34 (with added Alleluias)

Lyrics: Psalm 34, NRSV

Music: Medieval chant tone

Artists: The Schola Cantorum of St Peter the Apostle (formerly St Peter's-in-the-Loop, Chicago) J. Michael Thompson (dir.)

[Antiphon]

O taste and see that the Lord is good. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

[Praising God]

I will bless the LORD at all times;

his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

² My soul makes its boast in the LORD;

let the humble hear and be glad.

³ O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

[Seeking God]

⁴ I sought the LORD, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

⁵ Look to him, and be radiant;

so your faces shall never be ashamed.

⁶ This poor soul cried, and was heard by the LORD, and was saved from every trouble.

⁷ The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

[Receiving God's goodness]

⁸ O taste and see that the LORD is good;

happy are those who take refuge in him.

⁹ O fear the LORD, you his holy ones,

for those who fear him have no want.

¹⁰ The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing. [How to act in ways that please God]

¹¹Come, O children, listen to me;

I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

¹² Which of you desires life,

and covets many days to enjoy good?

¹³ Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit.

¹⁴ Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

[God acts]

- ¹⁵ The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry.
- ¹⁶ The face of the LORD is against evildoers, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.
- ¹⁷ When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears, and rescues them from all their troubles.
- ¹⁸ The LORD is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit.
- ¹⁹ Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD rescues them from them all.
- ²⁰ He keeps all their bones; not one of them will be broken.
- ²¹ Evil brings death to the wicked,
 - and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.
- ²² The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia

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